



CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Chattanooga, TN

SPONSORING

ORGANIZATIONS

Chambliss Center for Children

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DATE PROGRAM/

ALLIANCE BEGAN

The Chambliss Center was established in 1872 to provide residential care for children. In 1969, the agency started an extended child care program in addition to its residential care program. In 1986 the agency entered into its first child care management contract. Others were added within the next three years. In early 2013, the organization changed its name from The Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter to The Chambliss Center for Children.

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

Chattanooga and Hamilton Counties.

POPULATION SERVED

The Chambliss Center, and its network of community-based early care and education programs, serves families at all socioeconomic levels and maintains a sliding fee scale. Approximately 80% of the families they serve are eligible to receive state child care subsidies and about 60% actually receive this assistance. About 20% are eligible for Head Start. All sites use the same sliding fee scale.

SUMMARY OF APPROACH

The Chambliss Center directly operates a child development center for 350 children and also provides management services to 19 additional community-based early childhood programs (6 off-site centers, 12 school-based classrooms) that collectively serve approximately 400 additional children. All of the contract sites serve children 6 weeks through 5 years of age. The Chambliss Center also serves children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM(S) USED BY THE ALLIANCE

- ProCare

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Group Purchasing of goods and services
- Payroll Processing
- Administrative Support
- USDA Food Program Administration
- Training
- Substitute Pool
- Accounting & Financial Reporting
- IT support
- Billing/fee collection
- Marketing
- Child and Classroom Assessment
- Human Resources

FUNDING

Funding source for ongoing Alliance implementation: Funding varies by site, but includes: United Way (4 sites), Head Start and Early Head Start (5 sites), state child care subsidies, the City of Chattanooga, individual donors, USDA, churches and parent fees.

Do Alliance members pay fees for services received? Yes

Do membership fees cover Hub cost of services? No

IMPACT

All of the contract sites are located in low-income communities. One is located in a high school and largely serves teen parents. One is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. Chambliss Center for Children's main campus serves more than 300 children with an additional 300+ children in its off-site programs.